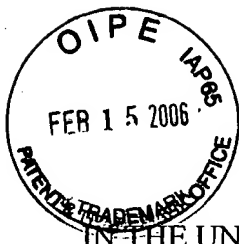


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In re Reissue Application of: Buncke, Harry J. Docket No.: 013341.000003b
Reissue Serial No.: **09/919,750** Art Unit: 3731
Reissue Filed: July 31, 2001 Examiner: Jackson, Gary
Reissue of: U.S. Patent No. 5,931,855 (U.S. Serial No. 08/859,887)
For: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR AMENDMENT (RESPONSIVE TO
JUNE 15, 2004 OFFICIAL ACTION) PRESENTING ADDITIONAL
BROADENING CLAIMS FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor and patentee of the above-identified patent and reissue application, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Amendment (Responsive to June 15, 2004 Official Action), including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. §1.56(a).

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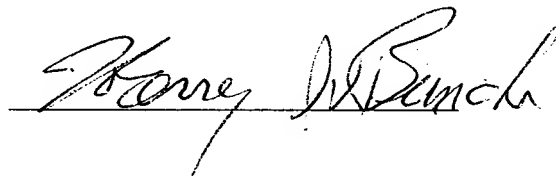
ERROR AROSE WITHOUT ANY DECEPTIVE INTENTION

Specifically, I failed to claim in the reissue application as filed the one-way sutures and double-armed sutures each in combination with a surgical needle, and also the additional methods of manufacture of one-way sutures and double-armed sutures, as disclosed in the original patent application and as shown in the drawings. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of myself, the applicant.

SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any reissued patent issued thereon.

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